

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 529
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A RESOLUTION to honor Senator Jim Holcomb for his eight years of outstanding service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those colleagues who during their tenure in the General Assembly have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented commitment, and whose professionalism and competence will serve as a benchmark for future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Holcomb has been a great presence on Capitol Hill for eight years as a member of both the House of Representatives and the Senate; his illustrious legislative career will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 1996 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly as he answers the tantalizing call to seek election to the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, beginning his meritorious service in the House of Representatives from 1989-92, and the Senate from 1992-96, Jim Holcomb has distinguished himself as a highly respected leader and an effective public servant; and

WHEREAS, serving the good people of Sullivan County with the utmost integrity and probity, Senator Holcomb has been the distinguished recipient of several awards for his proficient legislative service, including the Tennessee Association of Juvenile Court Workers' 1990 Humanitarian of the Year award; the Paul Harris Humanitarian of the Year award, given by Rotary International; the Tennessee Hospital Association's 1990 Legislator of the Year award; the Tennessee Alcohol and Drug Association's Legislator of the Year award that same year; a

House Republican Caucus national nominee for Legislator of the year in 1991; and the 1994 National Federation of Independent Business's "Guardian of Small Business Award"; and

WHEREAS, he is a devoted member of the American Legislative Exchange Council and the National Council of State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, ever one to shoulder the mantle of civic responsibility, Senator Holcomb is a generous and concerned member of his community, and has made significant contributions to many civic, religious and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, a marriage and family therapist by trade, Senator Holcomb is widely admired and respected by his peers; he has been a stalwart proponent of legislation addressing issues confronting therapists in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, Jim Holcomb is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sonja, and their three sons; and

WHEREAS, the 2nd Senate District has been well represented by this prominent legislator as he served in every capacity with acumen, diligence and probity; and

WHEREAS, Senator Holcomb will be long remembered as an advocate and crusader for good, responsive government and the concerns of working people; and

WHEREAS, for eight years, Senator Jim Holcomb has been a prominent figure on Capitol Hill; he is a gentleman whose talent and energy will seldom be equaled and, without question, he will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Senator Jim Holcomb for his

immeasurable service to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career as a member of this General Assembly.

BE TO FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Senator Holcomb our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future political endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.